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County Clerk/Registrar of Voters (CC/ROV) Memorandum #26111

TO: All County Clerks/Registrars of Voters

FROM: /s/ Philip Kumsar
Election Security Analyst

RE: Primary Election: Alternative Procedures for Insufficient Number of Ballots
at In-Person Voting Locations– ACTION REQUIRED

While every active registered voter will receive a vote-by-mail ballot for the June 2, 2026, Primary Election, some voters may choose to appear at polling locations across the state to vote in person.

The Secretary of State's office urges counties to plan accordingly to ensure that each polling location has enough ballots, including any required multilingual ballots, and other voting materials available. Additionally, the Secretary of State's office recommends that counties provide each satellite office and polling location with a sufficient supply of provisional ballot envelopes, CVR provisional ballot envelopes, and voter registration cards.

For those voters who intend to vote in person on Election Day, and who appear at a polling location and can surrender their vote-by-mail ballot, they should be provided a non-provisional ballot to cast. For those voters who appear at a polling location without their vote-by-mail ballot to surrender, they **may** need to vote using a provisional ballot.

Additionally, conditional voter registration ("same day registration") must be made available to voters at all permanent and satellite county elections offices and all polling locations. Accordingly, there may be a larger than normal number of voters who will need to vote using a provisional ballot. (See, Elec. Code, §§ 2170, 14310.)

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The Secretary of State's office urges counties to remind poll workers of the provisional balloting procedures and that every person has the right to cast a provisional ballot for any reason under Elections Code section 14310 and Help America Vote Act of 2002, section 302.

County elections officials may wish to consult [CCROV # 26099](#), issued on April 21, 2026, which contains suggested reminders for polling place workers with respect to the issuance of provisional ballots. Additionally, [CCROV # 26109](#), issued on April 24, 2026, contains information with regard to Conditional Voter Registration Implementation.

In the unlikely event there are insufficient ballots or insufficient ballot printing supplies, if applicable, at a polling location, Elections Code section 14299 requires counties to have alternative procedures in place. Any ballot cast using an approved alternative procedure must be duplicated in accordance with the procedure set forth in Elections Code section 15210.

Attached to this memorandum is a survey requesting the specific alternative procedure(s) that your county will have in place in the event there are insufficient ballots or insufficient ballot printing supplies, if applicable, at a polling location for the June 2, 2026 Primary Election. (See, Elec. Code, § 14299(c).)

Please complete and return the attached survey to: Survey@sos.ca.gov by **Friday, May 8, 2026**.

If you have any questions, please contact me at pkumsar@sos.ca.gov

Thank you.

Attachment

Alternative Procedures for Insufficient Number of Ballots at In-Person Voting Locations Survey

Alternative Procedures for Insufficient Number of Ballots at In-Person Voting Locations

June 2, 2026, Primary Election

Please complete and return the attached survey to: Survey@sos.ca.gov by Friday, May 8, 2026

County Name:		Email:	
County Contact:		Phone Number:	

Please provide the specific alternative procedure(s) that will be in place for the June 2, 2026, Primary Election, in the event there are insufficient ballots or insufficient ballot printing supplies at a polling place. For your convenience, the following is a list of alternative procedures that have been approved by the Secretary of State.

If more than one alternative procedure will be used, please rank them in the order that they will be used on the blank line following each alternative procedure.

If an alternative procedure will be in place that is not listed below, please provide information in the “Other” field.

Alternative Procedure	Ranking
Provisional Ballots	
Sample Ballots	
Reasonable facsimiles of polling place, vote-by-mail, and sample ballots	
Ballots from neighboring precincts, provided the ballot types are identical	
A blank piece of paper upon which the ballot measure is printed, along with corresponding areas to allow voters to select their choice	
Other:	